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SUBJECT: JAFFE PRESS CLUB TALK

1. ON JAN 9, THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CLUB HOSTED CDN SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT SAM JAFFE, WHO HAD ARRIVED IN HONG KONG SHORTLY BEFORE, AFTER SIX WEEKS IN CHINA. THERE WAS NO NOTICEABLE IMPACT ON THE VETERAN CHINA WATCHERS WHO ATTENDED THE LUNCHEON TALK CUM Q & A SESSION. THE TWO ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILIES RELEGATED HIS REMARKS TO INSIDE PAGES, ALTHOUGH THREE ROC PARACLETE DAILIES GAVE TOP FRONT PAGE BILLING TO HIS SPECULATION THAT THE PRESIDENT FORD "MIGHT NOT GO TO CHINA THIS YEAR." THEY USED THE UPI STORY ON JAFFE'S TALK AS THE BASIS FOR THEIR HEADLINES.

2. HONGKONG STANDARD TITLED CHINA, US RELATIONS GOING SOUR: QUOTE: SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS HAVE SOURED SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE TWO YEARS AGO. THIS WAS STATED BY CHICAGO DAILY NEWS CORRESPONDENTS SAM JAFFE WHO JOINED SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER'S RECENT VISIT TO CHINA AND SPENT SIX WEEKS TOURING THE COUNTRY. "I THINK OUR RELATIONSHIP UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS SOURED A BIT. I THINK WE HAVE SIDE-TRACKED SINO-AMERICAN

RELATIONS. WE HAVE REACHED A POINT THAT ANNOYS PEKING. IT HAS NOT BEEN GOING WELL," HE SAID. IN A SPEECH AT THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB YESTERDAY, JAFFE SAID THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TAIWAN CONSULATES IN THE US LAST YEAR AND THE CONTINUED STRONG AMERICAN PRESENCE IN TAIWAN WERE BLOCKING ANY IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS. HE SAID THE CHINESE WERE ALSO UNHAPPY WITH THE IMBALANCE IN SINO-AMERICAN TRADE IN AMERICA'S FAVOUR AND UNLESS SOMETHING WAS DONE ABOUT IT, THERE COULD NOT BE ANY SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN TRADE FOR THE FUTURE. JAFFE SAID IT WAS STILL DOUBTFUL WHETHER PRESIDENT FORD WILL VISIT CHINA THIS YEAR AS ANNOUNCED. THIS WAS BECAUSE IF HE DID GO, HE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE CONCESSIONS TO THE CHINESE WHO ARE ALSO PREPARED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS IN THE INTEREST OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS. ON SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS, JAFFE SAID THE CHINESE WERE NO LONGER SO PRE-OCCUPIED WITH FEARS OF A RUSSIAN ATTACK. CHINA NOW THOUGHT THE MAIN DANGER NOW LAY IN A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE TWO SUPER-POWERS - THE US AND THE SOVIET UNION BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUING MILITARY BUILD-UP AMONG THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE.

3. SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST TITLED SENSE OF RELAXATION IN CHINA. QUOTE: THE PEOPLE OF CHINA ARE SATISFIED WITH THEIR LIVES AND ARE MUCH MORE RELAXED NOW THAN THEY WERE TWO YEARS AGO, AN AMERICAN JOURNALIST, MR. SAM JAFFE, SAID YESTERDAY. DEPARTMENT STORES ARE CROWDED, THE PEOPLE HAVE MONEY TO SPEND, AND THERE IS NO INFLATION IN CHINA FOR THE CHINESE, MR. JAFFE TOLD A LUNCHEON MEETING AT THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CLUB. HE RECENTLY RETURNED TO HONGKONG AFTER A SIX-WEEK TOUR OF THE COUNTRY. MR. JAFFE, WHO WAS BASED IN HONGKONG FOR SEVERAL YEARS, WAS IN CHINA AS A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS. DURING AN EXTENSIVE TOUR, HE TRAVELLED TO MANY CITIES AND VILLAGES FROM KWANGTUNG TO NORTH CHINA. TALKING ABOUT A SENSE OF RELAXATION IN CHINA, MR. JAFFE SAID PATRIOTIC SLOGANS WERE NOT NOW IN EVIDENCE AS THEY WERE ON HIS PREVIOUS VISIT TWO YEARS AGO. BUT SOME WALL POSTERS REMAINED, CRITICISING CONFUCIUS AND LIN PIAO. VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENT STORES, WHICH HE MADE A POINT OF VISITING, WERE BUSY WITH PEOPLE BUYING IN PARTICULAR SUCH THINGS AS PICTURES AND CLOCKS FOR THEIR HOMES. COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS WERE THE "BIG THING," MR. JAFFE SAID, AND MANY PEOPLE WERE HAVING THEIR PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN IN COLOUR. YOUNG PEOPLE WERE BUYING ART SUPPLIES TO PAINT FOR PLEASURE. THE COUNTRY DID NOT HAVE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROBLEMS THAT PLAGUED THE WESTERN WORLD, AND FOOD WAS VERY, VERY CHEAP, HE SAID. ON THE QUESTION OF SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS, HE SAID CHINA WAS UPSET BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SEVERAL NEW TAIWAN CONSULATES IN THE UNITED STATES. THE FEAR OF A RUSSIAN STRIKE AGAINST CHINA HAD RECEDED, BUT THE CHINESE BELIEVED THERE WOULD BE A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN AMERICA AND RUSSIA IN EUROPE. TOURISM LAST YEAR BROUGHT 10,000 VISITORS TO CHINA AND MR. JAFFE WAS TOLD THE NUMBER WOULD BE ABOUT THE

SAME THIS YEAR. NEW HOTELS WERE GOING UP THROUGH THE COUNTRY,
INCLUDING A 14-STOREY HOTEL IN THE SCENIC SPOT OF KWEILIN. UNQUOTE.
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